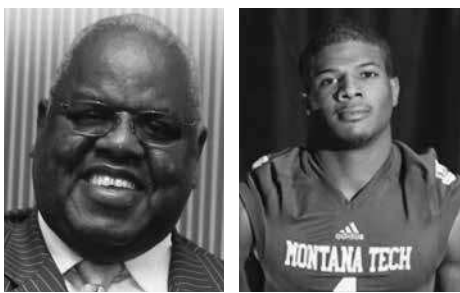


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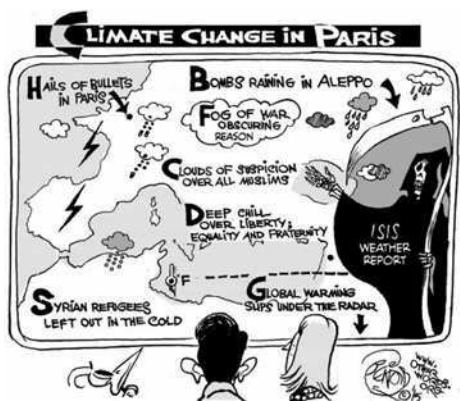
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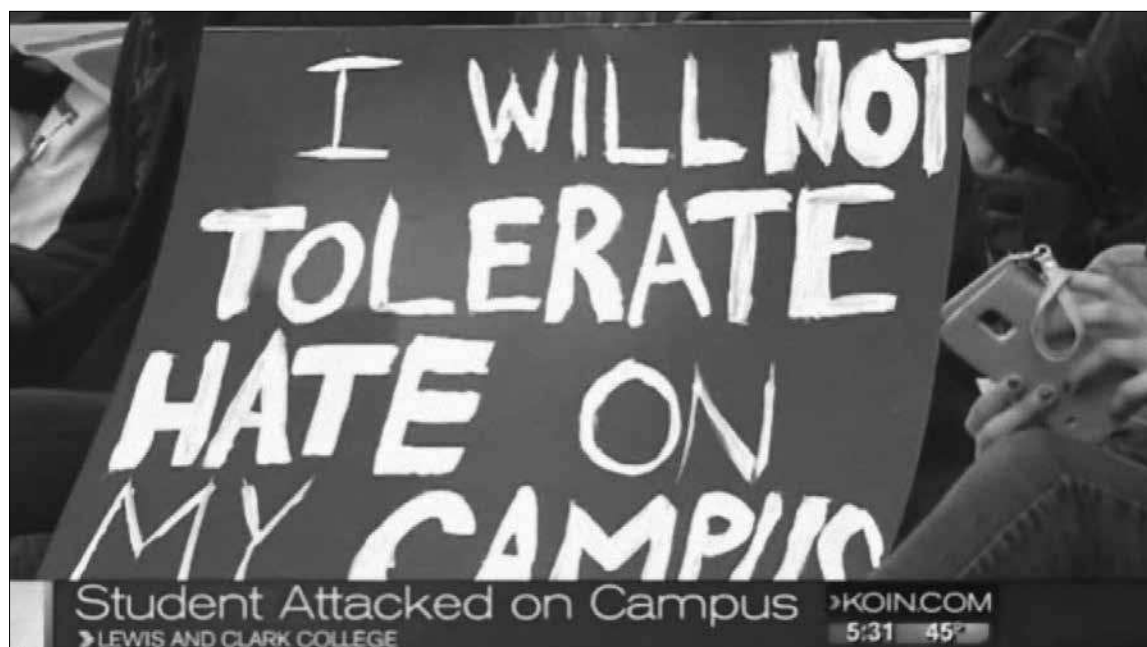
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LOCAL NEWS



A message against hate at Lewis and Clark College during a rally against racism is captured by KOIN-TV.

Solidarity against Hate

Student attack, racist posts roil campus

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Students, professors, and staff at Lewis & Clark College are trying to come together to protect their community after a black student was attacked over the weekend in what appears to be a racially motivated crime. The incident followed a series of racist posts on college message boards.

By Tuesday, dozens of students of all backgrounds had begun occupying the college's administration building to demand change, urging the campus to make the campus less hostile to international and multicultural students. As of Tuesday afternoon student activists were still

there and said they had no plan on leaving anytime soon.

A Rwandan student at the southwest Portland campus says he was walking home from an evening workout at the school gym Friday night around midnight when three white men physically attacked him. Tanguy Muvana, 26, said they used slurs and called him the N-word, before holding him down and telling him "You are going to die tonight."

Muvana struggled to break free and says he reached out to police but declined to go to the hospital. He contested a Portland Police press release released saying that the attack occurred around 9 p.m.

He urged people to understand he had no ill-will towards anyone, regardless of what had happened to him, but said the police report had made it seem like he had delayed making a

report for several hours when he says he had reported the crime right after it had happened.

Muvana, whose face was swollen, is the latest victim in a string of escalating racial tensions on campuses across the country. Student protests have been sparked in recent weeks in solidarity with the demonstrations against racist incidents at Missouri State University and other colleges.

Threatening comments on the anonymous college message board, Yik Yak, popped up in Lewis & Clark online communities last week and in dozens of other college's forums.

Muvana said he wants his assailants to be held responsible for what they did, but he won't let the attack alter how he feels about the campus as a whole.

"I don't have time to hate people," he said.

Leaflets Spark Anti Klan Protests

Racial justice activists are stepping up their visibility the wake of recent Ku Klux Klan recruitment flyers distributed on the streets of Gresham and other Oregon towns.

On Saturday, the group Showing Up For Racial Justice staged a rally at the Lents Farmers Market in southeast Portland. Similar

protests took place in suburbs like West Linn, where another group staged a demonstration outside of the local high school calling for an end to the Klan in Oregon.

Marchers say they are hoping to send a message that white supremacists are not welcome in their neighbor-

hoods, "I don't want them targeting our towns and capitalizing on the ignorance or poverty of these neighborhoods," said Alex Cohen, one of the organizers. "We need to let people of color know they are welcome here and that other white people don't agree with the Klan or its politics."